

September 16, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 16, 2015, in the Eureka Annex of the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mark Peck and Clerk & Recorder Robin Benson.

2:30 PM Study Commission Update: Present were Bobbie Stoken, Josh Letcher, Steve Curtiss and Krista Nemeroff. *(Agate)*

Commissioner Peck explained to the Study Commission about employee and structural changes that have occurred due to employees that have retired. The main changes have taken place within the H.R. Department, Payroll Department and the County Emergency Management department.

Steve said the job of the study commission is to study Lincoln County's form of government and make recommendations. It is not the study commissions desire to radically change the form of government in Lincoln County. The study commission members in attendance feel that the form of government is relative to the specifics in Lincoln County. The biggest question the study commission receives from the public is why the commission makes decisions that the public feels is against the will of the people. Commissioner Peck said that is a difficult question to answer short of not reelecting local government officials. Commissioner Peck said the lack of public interest and participation in county government plays a role in the public's knowledge and understanding of county issues.

Commissioner Peck commented that one topic that he feels is becoming an issue is prioritizing county services. If we need to make big cuts down the road, we need to do our research on what is the will of the people and what services are mandated and at what level do those services need to be offered to the public.

There was a brief discussion about the resignation of Tracy McIntyre from the Study Commission and how her position can be filled.